on Population and after taking into consideration the actual population growth recorded by census 2001.

Transfer of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to States

2046. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Development Council had decided that Centrally Sponsored schemes would be transferred to States from the Tenth Plan so that States could get flexibility to plan, based on their specific requirement;

(b) if so, whether the said decision has been implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No definite decision in this regard has been taken. However, in pursuance of the decision taken in the meeting of National Development Council (NDC) held in February, 1999, a committee of the NDC on Transfer of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) was set up under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission. The Ministers of Finance, Agriculture, Human Resource Development and Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution and Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal are members of the Committee. The terms of the Reference of the Committee are:

1. To identify the CSS for retention by the Centre and those for transfer to the States/UTs and to classify all the CSS accordingly.

2. For those CSS which will be identified for transfer to the States/ UTs, suggest the modalities of transfer including earmarking, the funding pattern, the time frame for the transfer and the monitoring mechanism.

3. In order to avoid future proliferation of CSS lay down the criteria for the introduction of new CSS.

The term of the NDC Committee is up to 31 st August, 2003.